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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTERREGIONAL PROJECT

(INT/92/902) - Promotion of TCDC through Matching of Capacities and Needs

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	24 June 1992
Expected duration:	12 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Government implementing agency:	Governments/Institutions of Developing Countries
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$600 000 Source of funds: SPR
Total UNDP budget:	$600 000

Project background

The above-mentioned project reflects the continuation of promotion capacities and needs matching activities (known as TCDC programming exercises) that have been carried out under INT/83/904 - Umbrella Project for Action-Oriented TCDC and more recently under (INT/91/901) - Support of the Promotion of TCDC. At its special session in February 1992, the Governing Council approved the programming document for TCDC (DP/1992/7 Category B.4) and allocated (US) $16 million from the Special programme Resources for its implementation during 1992-1996. The resources are to be used for TCDC promotional and catalytic purposes and in response to specific requests from the participating countries.

The programming document for TCDC provides for priority attention to be given to requests from developing countries in the following areas of concentration: (a) human resources development with focus on management and training; (b) sharing and adaptation of technology; (c) South-South trade; (d) policy formulation on important topics of common interest such as structural adjustment, debt management, poverty alleviation, urbanisation; and (e) agriculture and food security.

The document further stipulates that greater emphasis be placed during the Fifth Cycle on activities and projects that promote joint efforts that address common development problems; activities that directly focus on the transfer of specific skills and provide opportunities for launching projects through the matching of needs and capacities.

[1/] **This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.**

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Description of project

This project proposal is designed to further the objectives in the TCDC programming document through support to the organization of activities that provide opportunities to developing countries to identify their technical capacities and needs in particular sectors or subject areas. Following a preparatory period during which the capacities of selected developing countries are identified and analyzed and matching activities identified, negotiation meetings are held to agree on areas of co-operation and on implementation arrangements.

Four capacities and needs matching activities will be supported by the project over a one-year period - two in Africa, one each in Asia and Latin America in the following fields: Food and Agriculture (Nigeria and Argentina); and Development Planning (Uganda) and Air Transport (Pakistan).

Inputs

UNDP will provide short-term national consultants to help compendia of capacities and needs; production and distribution of reports; and travel costs and DSA for participants from participating developing countries.

Financial data

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Consultancies	8 000
Mission costs	526 000
Miscellaneous	66 000
Total	600 000

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